

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. An information retrieval service system comprising:  
an information retrieval site connected to the Internet  
including:

5 a retrieval server, and

a retrieval database, wherein

said retrieval server of said information retrieval site

(1) is operative to fetch data representing details of services

respectively provided by a plurality of information providing

10 sites therefrom so as to store the data in said retrieval

database, and is operative to retrieve data corresponding to

information-retrieval input information, which is inputted

from an information terminal, from said retrieval database

according to the inputted information so as to cause a monitor

15 of said information terminal to display data read by the

retrieval.

2. The information retrieval service system according to  
claim 1, wherein

20 said retrieval server fetches data representing details  
of services, which are respectively provided by the plurality  
of information providing sites, therefrom by periodically  
accessing the plurality of information providing sites.

3. The information retrieval service system according to  
claim 1, wherein

a hyperlink indicating an Internet address of the  
information providing site providing the data is embedded in

5 a data image that is displayed on said monitor of said  
information terminal by the retrieval performed by said  
retrieval server.

4. The information retrieval service system according to  
10 claim 1, wherein

said information retrieval site includes a user  
registration database for storing a profile of a preliminarily  
registered user, and

15 said retrieval server retrieves the data, which  
corresponds to the information-retrieval input information,  
according to a profile of a user, which is read from said user  
registration database